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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip Report to Detachment G and LAC, 14 - 16 May 1969,
by

25X1A

1. Personnel contacted:

a. LAC - 15 May

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Detachment G - 15 May

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National Cash Register - 15 May

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Headquarters - 15 May

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b. LAC - 16 May

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2. Resume of Business Transacted:

25X1A a. 15 May, Morning - The undersigned met with those personnel listed in l. a. above. The purpose of this meeting was to work out the initial details of a flight test program for the [] Project. After I had outlined the requirements for this test program, discussions were held as to the best methods of accomplishing the flight test. The following is the program outline that was derived from this meeting.

25X1A (1) The first phase of this test will be to check out the [] physical characteristics when applied to the U-2s. To accomplish this first step, stripes of the [] will be painted on Article 383, 25X1A when it is down for inspection and modification in July. (Flight test to begin around 15 July.) [] and 25X1A [] are to work up the plan for where and how the aircraft is to be painted. They also are responsible for interfacing the flight test of this program into the other Detachment's flight programs scheduled for Article 383. [] will 25X1A develop and fabricate a flight test instrumentation package for 383. The above named individuals will forward this flight test program outline to this Hqs for approval prior to its implementation.

(2) Subsequent to the completion of this phase one testing, a thorough evaluation of the [] 25X1A program will be made. The evaluation will be to determine: the feasibility of using [] on U-2Rs, 25X1A the overall U-2 paint schemes including colors to be used, costing of repainting the U-2s, and a follow on flight program using [] on U-2R aircraft. 25X1A

25X1A b. 15 May, Afternoon - The undersigned met with [] of LAC, [] 25X1A [] of Detachment G and 25X1A [] D/M/OSA. The purpose of this meeting was to coordinate with the Detachment and LAC personnel, the long range plans for Carrier Qualification of Detachment pilots and the U-2R. The following is the coordinated sequence of events that was derived from this meeting.

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(1) 1 July - 15 July. The Detachment LSO

[] will be sent to Pensacola NAS for approximately 10 days. While at Pensacola []

[] is to become current in all aspects of carrier operations with the Navy's T-2B aircraft.

[] will advise this Hqs of [] availability during this time period. This Hqs will make the arrangements with the Navy for [] travel, etc. to Pensacola, Florida.

(2) It was decided that the best time for the Moorest gear to be delivered to North Base would be 15 August. This will allow for slippage in the No. Base runway construction that might occur, plus allow more time for the hook installation on Article 055.

[] stated that he would require 7 to 10 days to complete the U-2R's instrumented landing phase at No. Base. With 7 to 10 days for flight test plus the installation/tear down time required to get the Moorest gear ready, the total time that this gear should be at No. Base is 14 days (starting 15 August). It was agreed that LAC's pilots would do the U-2R's initial taxi test into the gear. However, [] would do the flight test both into the Moorest gear and aboard ship. [] will be present for all taxi and flight tests of the U-2R into the Moorest gear.

(3) 1 - 15 September. After completion of the U-2R's instrumented landing test, the Detachment pilots' T-2B training will be initiated. [] will look into the advisability of sending all five of the pilots needing this training to Pensacola at the same time. He will advise this Hqs around mid-July on the number of pilots that can be made available, at one time, for this training. It appears at this time that all [] pilots can go through training during the 1-15 September time period.

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(4) 15 September - November or December. This time period will be devoted to training pilots in U-2R Mirror Landing Practice (MLP) at No. Base. Additionally, it will be used to further refine the carrier landing procedures for the U-2R.

(5) November or December. Dependent upon carrier deck time availability, two to three days of this time period will be spent qualifying the U-2R, and [] pilots aboard a carrier off San Diego, California.

c. 16 May, Morning - The undersigned met with [] at LAC, Burbank. Purpose of this meeting was two fold:

(1) [] was asked to provide a program costing plan for the [] test program. He stated that he would have one worked up and that it would be forwarded to this Hqs as soon as it was completed.

(2) [] was asked as to what progress had been made toward revising the U-2R take off abort procedures. [] stated that LAC is preparing a tech data change that will reflect in greater details the take off abort problems and procedures.

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Chief, SAS/O/OSA

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Deputy for Operations, OSA

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Director of Special Activities

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